

*Callitris whytei* (Pinaceae), 55602. From Mount Silinda, Southern Rhodesia. Seeds presented by W.L. Thompson, American Board of Missions. "Native cedar of this region. These seeds are from trees in our own grounds." (Thompson.)

The 'Milanji cypress' was originally found at an altitude of 10,000 feet on Mount Milanji, in Nyasaland, by Alexander Whyte. It is a magnificent tree reaching a height of 140 feet, sometimes with a clear straight trunk for 90 feet and a diameter of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet at 6 feet from the base. The pale reddish timber is of excellent quality and easily worked. The bark on old trees is of great thickness. These fine trees are rapidly disappearing before forest fires, only those in damp gorges surviving. (Adapted from Transactions of the Linnean Society, 2d ser., vol. 4, p. 60; and Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 37, p. 18.)

*Ceratonia siliqua* (Caesalpinaceae), 55727. **Carob.** From Bari, Italy. Budwood presented by Dr. E. Pantanelli, director, Agricultural Experiment Station. "'Amele.'" This is considered the best variety of carob cultivated in this province (Bari); it may be the kind with large sweet pods which has been reported to you from this region." (Pantanelli.)

*Cyrtostachys lakka* (Phoenicaceae), 55579. **Palm.** From Singapore, Straits Settlements. Seeds presented by I. Henry Burkill, superintendent, Botanic Gardens. A stately and elegant palm, native to the East Indies, with a slender spineless stem crowned by a cluster of boldly arched leaves 3 to 4 feet in length. The fruits are elongate egg shaped and about half an inch long. (Adapted from Beccari, Annales du Jardin Botanique de Buitenzorg, vol. 2, p. 141, and from Bailey, Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture, vol. 2, p. 947.)

J.F. Rock recommends this as a handsome ornamental plant, probably suitable for cultivation in southern Florida. It is doubtful if it will withstand heavy frosts.

*Dioscorea alata* (Dioscoreaceae), 55712. **Greater yam.** From Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies. Tubers presented by John R. Bovell, Director of Agriculture. "'Barbados Red.'" The tuber has a purple inner skin and white flesh usually tinged or mottled with purple. The vine is 4-angled, with rather prominent maroon wings. The leaves are opposite, broadly ovate, cordate,